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SUBJ: KOREAN PRESS COVERAGE OF INDIAN ELECTION

1. ON MARCH 23, KOREAN VERNACULAR NEWSPAPERS GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO RESIGNATION OF INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GAHDI AND HER CABINET, AS RESULT OF CONGRESS PARTY'S DEFEAT IN LAST WEEK'S GENERAL ELECTIONS. COVERAGE, CONTINUED ON INSIDE PAGES, WAS ALL FROM WIRE SERVICES, BUT SMALL PICTURES AND SEVERAL SHORT STORIES (INCLUDING QUOTES FROM INDIRA AND SON SANJAY ACCEPTING JUDGMENT OF VOTERS) COMBINED TO GIVER GOOD SENSE OF SITUATION.

2. EDITORIALS ALSO APPEARED, NOTING SHIFT OF WINNING JANATA COALITION OF OPPOSITION PARTIES TO FOREIGN POLICY LINE FRIENDLY TO WEST. AMONG REASONS FOR GANDHI'S DEFEAT, VARIOUS EDITORIAL WRITERS LISTED LONG STAY IN OFFICE, ATTEMPT TO SET UP SON AS POLITICAL SUCCESSOR, AND LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF POPULAR MIND, DUE TO CENSORSHIP OF PRESS AND THOSE WHO SURROUNDED GANDHI.

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3. NONE OF EDITORIALS DRAWS ANY PARALLELS BETWEEN MADAM GANDHI'S 11-YEAR SWAY, HER DOWNFALL, AND SITUATION IN KOREA BUT HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE CLEARLY SUGGESTS PARALLELS WHICH FEW KOREANS WILL FAIL TO SEE. IT IS CONSISTENT WITH RECENT TRENDS IN PRESS BUT NONETHELESS NOTABLE THAT ROKG HAS PERMITTED SUCH EXTENSIVE COVERAGE.

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